GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY
LOK SABHA

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AMENDMENT IN ACTS
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Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Cellular Mobile Telephone Services are still governed by the Indian Telegraph Act of 1885 and the Telecom Regulatory Authority of India Act of 1997;

(b) if so, whether these Acts are adequate to deal with this sector;

(c) if not, whether the Government propose to bring in amendments/new legislation in this regard; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY (SHRIMATI SUI MAHAJAN)

(a) Yes, Sir.

(b) to (d): A Bill named `the Communication Convergence Bill, 2001`, designed to fully harness the benefits of the converged technologies and the emerging technologies of the future to meet the growing social and commercial needs, has been introduced in the Lok Sabha in August, 2001.